09/600848 532 C'd PCT/FTC 24 JUL 2000

> PATENT 1379-1-013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS

María Pilar PRIETO-DAPENA; María Concepción

ALMOGUERA ANTOLINEZ; and Juan Bautista JORDANO

FRAGA

APPLICATION NO. :

PCT/ES99/00017

FILED

January 23, 1999

FOR

PROMOTER AND REGULATOR SEQUENCES Ha ds10 GI: A

GENE LEA OF SUNFLOWERS EXPRESSED EXCLUSIVELY

IN SEEDS FROM THE MATURATION PHASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

BOX PCT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the aboveidentified Application, please amend the Specification and Claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following Abstract after the Claims:

- -ABSTRACT

Ø `

The present invention discloses the isolation and characterization in transgenic tobacco plants of the promoter and regulator sequences of a gene LEA-1 of sunflower, Ha ds10 G1.

These sequences present characteristics which are extremely appropriate to be used in the modification of seeds (for example of reserve substances). The advantages of their possible use